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NSC Executive Committee Record of Action, November 20, 1962, 3:30 PM Meeting No. 28

- 1. The members read a message from the Russians containing their terms for settling the Cuban crisis.
- 2. The President approved a statement to be made at his 6:00 PM press conference in lowing discussion and decision on the following actions:
- a. The quarantine is to be lifted immediately and a proclamation revoking it is to be prepared.
- b. U.S. naval forces in the Caribbean will remain for the time being; Latin American ships in the quarantine force will be asked to stay.
- c. No low-level air reconnaissance missions will be flown tomorrow. High-level flights will continue intermittently at a rate of approximately one a day.
- d. The SAC air alert will be terminated and other forces will be put on a reduced alerg pasis.
- e. Some of the U.S. planes now concentrated in coastal areas will be deployed inland.
 - f. Air Force reserves will be released before Christmas.
- g. An CAS meeting will not be held on Friday but Latin American Amhass dors will be briefed on current developments at the State Department this afternoon.
- 3. The President asked that instructions be prepared for Ambassador Stevenson and Mr. McGloy covering negotiations on formal no-invasion assurances.

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